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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

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APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FOOD AND BEVERAGES FOR KRESGE FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP PROJECT MEETINGS (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)

## **SUBJECT**

Request approval to purchase food and beverages for a series of meetings planned with philanthropic entities, nonprofit hospital healthcare systems, community organizations, and academic institutions to help guide investments in public health that address the greatest community health needs and underlying social determinants of health.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Delegate authority to the Interim Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or her designee, to purchase food and beverages in an amount not to exceed \$4,800 funded by the Kresge Foundation grant, for a series of four (4) meetings with philanthropic entities, nonprofit hospital healthcare systems, community organizations, and academic institutions, to be hosted by DPH during fiscal year 2015-16.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow DPH to purchase food and beverages for a series of meetings with philanthropic entities, nonprofit hospital healthcare systems, community organizations, and academic institutions. DPH will host a working breakfast and/or lunch to maximize the time with participants. The goals and objectives of these meetings are to identify mutual interests and pursue strategies that will align countywide health assessment projects, improvement plans, and financial

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investments in population health initiatives that promise to increase health equity, longevity, and quality of life throughout Los Angeles County.

The first meeting (Think Tank) is scheduled for January 28, 2016 with an anticipated audience of forty (40) individuals at an estimated cost of \$800. The following three (3) events that will take place in the first two quarters of 2016 are: 1) Community Benefits I, which is anticipated to have eighty (80) individuals at an estimated cost of \$1,600; 2) Philanthropic Convening, which is anticipated to have forty (40) individuals at an estimated cost of \$800; and 3) Community Benefits II, which is anticipated to have eighty (80) individuals at an estimated cost of \$1,600.

## <u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

The recommended action supports Goal 2, Community Support and Responsiveness, and Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended action will allow DPH to purchase food and beverages for up to four (4) meetings to be held in fiscal year 2015-16, in an amount not to exceed \$4,800, fully offset by the Kresge Foundation grant funds. There is no net County cost associated with this action.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On June 29, 2015, DPH notified your Board that DPH was exercising the delegated authority approved on April 19, 2011 to execute grants and awards not to exceed \$100,000 per term. Under this authority, DPH accepted the Resource Action Learning Grant from the Kresge Foundation in the amount of \$100,000 for the period of July 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016 to enhance its transformative efforts to address the challenges created by the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. This grant will supplement DPH's effort to develop a strategic communication plan with stakeholders, including other County departments, community partners, non-profit hospitals, and funding entities, to create a comprehensive strategy for improving health in Los Angeles County.

DPH was one of twelve (12) local health departments selected by the Kresge Foundation to participate in a 16-month learning cohort designed to increase its organizational and leadership competencies in business, planning and public health systems development. As required by the initiative, DPH developed a Resource Action Learning Project that proposed the strategic engagement of key stakeholders well-positioned to leverage resources needed to sustain community health improvements and address health equity. The meetings are an integral component of the project and are required under the scope of work.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The meetings will promote the health and well-being of residents throughout Los Angeles County, and satisfy the requirements of the Kresge Foundation grant funds.

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Respectfully submitted,

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